



"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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## THE FOUNDATION OF GOD STANDETH SURE

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Text, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Psa. 11:3.

No doubt David was aroused out of sleep as God troubled his heart by allowing him to behold the terrible times we are entering. David saw the things as we see them now and further. Old Russia on entering her ten-year period of modernism (godliness) began to excavate and plant high explosives beneath her cathedrals and churches of orthodox religion, bringing them to the ground in chaos and ruin, then building on the same material foundation communist halls of amusement. Their motto is, "First destroy the material foundation and the destruction of the spiritual will follow."

I remember during the World War, as I happened to be in Siberia, Russia, for a time, at Vladivostok, there, as in most or all provincial cities, the municipal laws were financed and ruled by some individual. The spirit of dictatorship was being hatched out then for Stalin, and I say this with warning to our people—the very spirit that I felt in that country (God has let me remember it) I feel it here in our own America. The very influence and its effects that I saw there I see here every day, everywhere.

Yes, truly the mystery of iniquity doth work. Just yesterday I met a precious boy whom the Church of God knows well most everywhere. He said, "Brother Smith, I'm gone. Pray for me," and I beg now that you too pray for him. Yes, the spirit of modernism, communism, Russia,

hell, is overpowering our young people whose talent God needs—talent and soul together it seems are to leap off into the bowels of despair. God, help!

Then came Mussolini, the man from nowhere, who rules with an iron heel of autocracy, who destroyed in Ethiopia all foundations of the religion of the Ethiopians. I'd rather die on the hot sands of Ethiopia with the nation in their religious rites dancing around me with their tom-toms than to risk the hope of my destiny in Rome.

And then appeared Hitler in his role of purging, destroying every hope of divine order that might obstruct or counteract his plans of selfishness. Cold-blooded murder he did to rid himself of the fear of foreign blood.

And here is a thought for us. We who are looking for the soon coming of our King, let us have this hope, purify (purge) ourselves even as he is pure. 1 John 3:3.

Destruction, destruction from whence do you come? As poor blood-stained Spain continues in her bloody revolution, being aggravated and instigated by every foul spirit in Europe, she will land in hell with all the nations who have forgotten God.

Now we see China, the oldest nation in the world, making a last stand before the ushering in of Antichrist, to thwart off the purpose of Japan to kill her spirit of dominion, to bring her into subjection. It means nothing less than a holocaust for Asia. Yes, the foundation of

every good thing fundamentally is being destroyed, even in U. S. A.

We hear David cry again unto the Lord, "Lord, be not far from me, for trouble is near," Psa. 22:11. With this exclamation we hear him again, "The instruments of death are being prepared," Psa. 7:13. As we see the truck loads and train loads of scrap iron in transit we know this scripture is in action. This scrap iron is being lowered into the bowels of ships docked at many havens; being sent to Russia, Germany, Italy, Japan, and all ports east, to be made into instruments of death for the Antichrist. Why, yes, it's right before our eyes. Look! And after David looks on this scene and sees no material hope for the nations, nothing but destruction is before his line of vision now, what would be his exclamation? What could he say? What did he say? "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord! Amen." Psa. 33:12.

Children of hope, we are facing the alternative, and that is, offer the sacrifice of righteousness and put our trust in the Lord.

Jeremiah knew something about this trouble too. He says, "A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for the Lord hath a controversy (dispute) with the nations, he will plead with all flesh, he will give them that are wicked the sword. They will consume themselves."

This ungodly world will soon find out that our God has a program too, and it  
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## Notices

To the churches in the state of Mississippi: Greetings in the Master's dear name. As we are coming to the close of this Assembly year I wish to express my appreciation for your co-operation and all your favors.

We have done our best to serve you to the best interest of the church, visiting most every church three times this year, the small churches as well as the larger ones.

I now appeal to you to see that your pastor goes to the Assembly by seeing that he has the money to defray his expense. He has served you, no doubt, shedding many tears for you and your unsaved ones trying to get them saved. No doubt he prayed for you when you were sick and the Lord heard his prayer and healed your body. Perhaps you were not able to help him much financially, as most of you are farmers (at this some of the best people in the world), but now you are gathering your cotton and I feel sure you'll help him go to the Assembly.

It is required of him (your pastor) to attend the Assembly and it makes him better qualified to serve for the incoming year, so do not let one member wait on the other to send or see that he has the means to go on but may every one of you feel a responsibility and get busy right now.

Yes, we want you to attend. Come, let's have the largest delegation this year we have ever had any previous year. I hope to meet you there.

### NOTICE TO PASTORS

Please make a check-up and see if your church is up with all the assessments, both from the state and Headquarters and if not, do please get busy and make it one hundred per cent by the fourth Sunday in September and write me just what you are over the top with so we can get it on our report for the Assembly. I am sure you would feel good to hear us report that Mississippi went over this year one hundred per cent with everything.

Now you may say it is impossible. If I get up all the assessments at my church the others will be behind. But you would probably be surprised to know just how many have already reported over the top. How about you?

### CALLING PASTORS

You may do this any time you deem best, using the following plans. Have the deacons or some active member to cut some small slips of paper and pass to the members. Let the members write on same, "Change" if they want a change and if not write "No change." Then let

the deacons or active members take up the votes and put them in an envelope and mail to me. In no case allow the votes to be counted or discussed.

Now if you would like to express your desire as to the one you would like to have for pastor another year, you may give first, second and third choice, using the same method as above, a secret vote. Please let us be very prayerful concerning this as we need God's man at God's place. MISSION AND STATE HEADQUARTERS' PLEDGES

To all who pledged for either of the above, please mail same to me at once as we want to pay off the few bills we owe on state headquarters and as for the missions we want to get it in time to report at the Assembly.—Yours for the Church of God in Mississippi, M. J. Headley, state overseer.

### Special Prayer Day For The General Assembly, Oct. 3

We ask all who will, to please join us in fasting and prayer on this day, that God will be with us in a special way, that He will direct us as we face these "last day problems," and give us a most glorious Assembly.

We wish it were possible that all the members everywhere could attend this Assembly, but we know that this is impossible. But, you who can not come please join us in special prayer that God will direct in this great Assembly.—J. H. WALKER, General Overseer.

There will be a home coming at Bangor, Me., Sept. 26. Our state overseer, G. M. Bloomingdale, will be with us, also L. W. Sisk who has been superintendent of the Northeast Bible School. We invite all churches near enough to be with us. It will be an all-day meeting and there will be dinner served free to all.—Leslie Hesketh, Sr., pastor, 383 Main St.

If any one is interested in me holding a revival, write me at Ada, Okla.—Cecil A. Tomlinson.

Brother Harry Ritz has been released by request from the office of clerk and treasurer of the Church of God, 1108 Upland St., Chester, Pa. I am now the clerk and my address is 326 West 8th St., Chester, Pa.—Mrs. G. H. Sutton.

We will have a dedication at the Allentown Church of God Sept. 19. All nearby churches come. Every one welcome. Bring a well-filled basket.—Mrs. Sarah Ulsh, Orbisonia, Pa.

We are in a revival at Rhodell, W. Va., with Brother D. B. Hatfield doing the preaching. On the last Sunday in September we will dedicate the church. There will be an all-day meeting and dinner for all. All are invited. Bring your music. Dedicatory sermon will be at 2:00 p. m.—R. A. Fielden, pastor.

I have a forty-five-foot round tent for sale. It is about a year old and has had about eight months' service. Will sell cheap. I want to go to Bible School in October and this is my only chance. Write me at once at the address below, or see the tent at 4210 Holly Ave. Bealwood, Columbus, Ga.—J. H. Ming, Rt. 1, Box 373, Columbus, Ga.

There will be a home coming the first Sunday in October at W. Monroe, N. C. Everybody cordially invited. Bring a basket of good things to eat as dinner will be spread at our new church. Pray that we will go over the top for Jesus.—T. V. McCormick.

There will be a home coming at the Church of God at Inkster, Mich., Saturday, Sept. 25, beginning at 9:30 a. m., lasting all day. All churches on the district are invited, also other neighboring churches. Our district overseer, Brother E. L. Simmons, will be in charge. Come and bring a well-filled basket.—James Dalton, pastor, Lock Box 22, Inkster, Mich.

We are in a real Holy Ghost revival here. The Moody Bible School students are coming. It is getting real good. Several want the Holy Ghost. Great conviction is on the crowd every night. If any one knows the address of Sister Lula Edmunds, please write me at once. This is very needful. Come help in this great cause. Chicago Church of God members, we want to see you at 870 N. LaSalle St.—Mrs. Amelia Shumaker, Chicago, Ill.

### Special Attention

Mission Board meeting convenes September 20-22, 7:00 P. M.

Council of the twelve meeting convenes September 23-October 3, 7:00 P. M.

Bishops' Council convenes October 5-7, 7:00 P. M.

General Assembly convenes October 8-14, 6:45 P. M.—J. H. WALKER, General Overseer.

# Sick People

*"All sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them," Matt. 4:24.*

*"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever," Heb. 13:8.*

*"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness," 2 Peter 3:9.*

In St. John He has promised us that if we will believe on Him, the works He has done we can do also. One thing that He did was heal all manner of diseases and sickness, then He said if we would believe that in His name we could lay hands on the sick and they would recover. Mark 16:16-18. This is His promise to us and He is not slack concerning His promise. But we must first believe on Him. To believe on Him is to love Him, keep His commandments, trust Him, and please Him. If we please Him we must please others and not ourselves. 1 John 3:1-3. "If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. If ye love me, keep my commandments," John 14:14, 15. Here He has promised us to supply our every need if we will believe on Him, and His promise is true and eternal for it is impossible for Him to lie.

He has said that the prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up. James 5:15. This is His promise to us. "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues," 1 Cor. 12:28. Now what the gift of healing and the Church mean to the saints, the physician and hospital mean to the world, and so through unbelief and disobedience many call for the physician and medical aid in case of sickness, while a few call for the elders and prayer, through faith and obedience, in case of sickness and disease. But in a case of sickness and disease it is safest to trust Him who has never lost a case.

I have trusted Jesus for over eight years for soul and body and I find it a pleasure to trust Him for He heals, and since I have stopped paying doctor bills and spending money for medicine, I have had some tithes and offerings to help support the Church and its worthy cause.

The gift of healing is unprofitable to the disobedient and unbelievers.

I call to the minds of the readers a piece I had in the Evangel Feb. 15, 1936, entitled "Go Ye." In this testimony I testified to God giving me the gift of healing in 1929. I am still using this gift

in Jesus' name, to the glory of God. Jesus has said, "No man can do a miracle in my name and speak evil of me." All I do I do in the name of the Lord and the Lord has wrought many miracles through my hands for the last eight years on many who were diseased and afflicted. I have prayed the prayer of faith for many sick people whom I have never seen, who live in different parts of the world and who send handkerchiefs to be anointed for their healing. I have received many letters and cards from those who report that they have been healed through the prayer of faith. Others I have never heard from, for whom I have prayed. It gives me much joy and consolation to hear that believers are being benefited through prayer and blessed by the Lord. I wish to hear from others for whom I have prayed, whether you have been healed or not. If you have been healed, send me your testimony, that others may

be profited through your faith, and if not, that we may find out why you were not healed. There may still be a chance for you to be healed. Let me hear from you in Jesus' name. All who wish to send handkerchiefs or clothes to be anointed for your healing, get rid of your pills, meet conditions, and send self-addressed, stamped envelopes for return. If you will not do what I ask you to do to be healed, do not expect to be healed. Jesus required the people to do certain things to be healed and they were healed, so must I require it in His name that the sick may be healed. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." I request the prayers of all the righteous who read this, that I may be found faithful.—Humbly, Waldron Asher, Essie, Ky.

## Notice

The Church of God at Powderly, Ala., will have its regular first Sunday singing at the Municipal Auditorium, Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 3. You are invited. Top balcony will be reserved for colored people.—Frank Johnson, pastor.



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### ✻ Editorials ✻

#### The End of the World

*"And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?"* Matt. 24:3.

The Revised Version says the end of the "age." So many in studying this scripture think that Jesus had reference to the end of the world or the time after the white throne judgment when the earth shall be refined by fire, but we are sure that Jesus had reference to the end of the age when all things pertaining to the salvation of the people and the making ready for the thousand years' reign shall be accomplished. The disciples asked Him a twofold question. In the Gospel of Luke there is recorded only one question, Luke 21:7, "And they asked him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign will there be when these things shall come to pass?" We are sure that Luke's question here refers to the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A. D. The questions in Matthew refer to the future and what will immediately precede the coming of the Son of man at the end of the church age.

It is imperative that we should have some clear understanding as to what the words mean, "the end of the world." We find this in the Authorized Version. We believe this version one of the best translations but we think that it would be better to say the end of the age because we feel that Jesus is referring here to the different dispensations. First, the church age of the Church and the tribulation week will close when Jesus comes to reign a thousand years. To the Jews these words in Matthew have a very special meaning. When Jesus sent the disciples out to preach the kingdom, they of course thought that the gospel was only to the Jews. Later the Gentiles received the Gos-

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pel and that time or period for the special blessings to the Gentiles commenced.

In the Book of Daniel we find so many times the expression "the end" or "the end shall be." In Dan. 8:19 you will find these words, "For at the time appointed the end shall be." Daniel in his vision saw seventy weeks determined upon God's people the Jews. From verse 15 to the conclusion of chapter 8 he is giving some prophecy concerning the Antichrist and his power and deception and he uses this expression, "the time appointed to the end." Of course this vision deals strictly with the Jews. Dan. 9:2-26 includes Daniel's prayer and confession, and in his prayer he mentions the covenant that God had made with His people. In verse 24 he explains what the angel had told him concerning the seventy weeks. In the latter part of verse 26 he uses these words, "and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined." This is the only part of his explanation that includes the Gentiles or the church age. All of Daniel's prophecy is concerning the restoration of the Jews to their home land at that time, and it deals extensively with the tribulation week which will finish up the Jewish age and sufferings.

In Dan. 11:27 he explains the mischief and the plotting against God's people in the tribulation week, and in the latter part of the verse he uses these words, "But it shall not prosper: for yet the end shall be at the time appointed." Now this refers to the sufferings and afflictions that the Jews will undergo during the tribulation week. In verse 35 he tells how some of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed. While the Jews suffered many things and after they rejected Christ the enemy seemed to have full sway, many of them were killed, and for almost two thousand years they have been wandering through the land, but there are yet many things that they will have to suffer for

the cause in the tribulation week which is set forth in Dan. 9:27.

In Matt. 24 Jesus is telling His disciples about the things that shall be and we are sure that this chapter deals mostly with the sufferings and afflictions of the Jews. Jesus describes the awful times and tells so many things that will happen but, He says "the end is not yet." Many people misconstrue at least the latter part of this chapter and think that all these afflictions and persecutions belong to the church age which will end when Jesus comes to catch away the Church. 1 Thess. 4:13-16. How different will be the days of Jewish tribulation from the times of the Gentiles or the Christian persecutions of our day. The Jews have already received their first tribulation and martyrdom but when Jesus comes to raise the dead in Christ and catch away those who are ready then the tribulation week will begin and it will be a time of dealing strictly with the Jews. There will be a remnant of the Gentile Christians who are not ready to meet Jesus but at His coming to catch away His people they will become intensely interested and will seek the Lord until they receive the Holy Ghost and they will witness for Jesus and also die for the cause. But the main tribulation week will be for the sealing of the Jews and their final restoration and rebuilding of their temple. The main persecution will be to the Jewish nation.

It is often thought that Matt. 24:13 refers to the salvation of the soul but this we are sure refers to the final triumphant and blessings of the Jews and in the main this verse is to the Jewish remnant at the close of the church age. It will be those who endure and take their stand for God and Christ for they will have accepted Christ as their Savior at the middle of the tribulation week and at the latter part of Matt. 24 we are sure that this is exclusively to the Jews. V. 21, "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be."

The Jews are now gathering back to their home land and while we believe God is aiding them in this great effort, we are sure that they will not receive His favor and blessing in its fullness until after the rapture. After the rapture these Jewish disciples will be the heralds of the gospel of the kingdom.

V. 14 we are sure has been misapplied so many times. "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Many people have taught and are teaching that before Christ comes the heathen nations will have to be evangelized and not until they all hear the gospel will the responsibility

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## The PERRY-SCOPE

TREASURES—NEW AND OLD FROM FAR AND NEAR

Conducted by Sam C. Perry

### Christian Holiness

God requires holiness of heart and life of all who would worship Him. "Oh worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth," Psa. 96:9.

How few believe in real holy living. What pitiful excuses men give for disbelieving or rejecting such a life. Perhaps the most common is, "We just can't live it." But according to God's Word none but the "pure in heart" will see Him. Matt. 5:8; Heb. 12:14.

1. Let us remember that salvation in its every degree or stage is "of grace." "By grace ye are saved." If a man were left to save himself in the smallest degree, he would have a hopeless task. But he could as easily make his own heart as white as snow as he could blot out his smallest sin. He could do neither, but Jesus can do both and he can do the second as easily as the first. "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin," 1 John 1:7. He is "able to save to the uttermost" all who come unto Him. Heb. 7:25.

To be cleansed and purified from all sin is an experience to be received and enjoyed in this life. God's oath to Abraham is "that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life," Luke 1:73-75. "And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." Eph. 4:24. "Elect . . . through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 1:3. Jesus loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood." Rev. 1:5. Thus He wills and has provided this experience for all believers.

3. This experience is received through faith in the blood of Jesus. It is thus by a definite, deliberate act, on the part of the believer, choosing and appropriating the promises of God. Men are not accidentally good or holy, but if they are so, it is because they have chosen to be so, they are made so through terms laid down in God's Word. "Sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth," John 17:17.

4. There is a necessary developing and perfecting in the life of holiness as indicated in 2 Cor. 7:1. "Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear

of God." That men do not "go on unto perfection" is no argument against the truth, for there stands God's Word:

"That the man of God may be perfect," 2 Tim. 3:17.

Prayer for God's people to stand perfect and complete in his will. Col. 4:12.

Jesus commanded, "Be ye therefore perfect," Matt. 5:48.

Paul labors and strives to present every man perfect in Christ, Col. 1:28.

5. Holy men and women have always been the objects of Satan's rage. He heaps upon them all the reproach and criticism possible. He puts temptations, snares, and pitfalls before them at every turn. If you undertake to live a holy life you will be no exception to this rule, but you may always find His grace sufficient and abundant for every need.

6. The portion of the saved, Jesus said, is to be an "inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me," Acts 26:18. God called His people holy in Bible times. Isa. 62:12; 1 Thess. 5:27; Heb. 3:1. We have the same right to be called holy as they, if we live the life which He demands of us, and for which He has made full provision.

"For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works," Matt. 16:27. The faithful in Christ receive a great reward for a small amount of work.

The Christian's life is a warfare. Four things are outstanding:

1. The fight, no victory without a fight.
2. The absolute certainty of victory.
3. The Lord's presence and place in the battle.
4. The sure reward in the end.

"Thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

### Young People's Corner

#### From Beggar to Benefactor

This true story from China illustrates what the love of Jesus will do in the life of a poor suffering heathen child.

Years ago a beggar boy and his mother, almost starved, crawled into the yard of a missionary in Chefoo, China. They had

heard that the "foreign teacher" would pity the helpless, even if their own people would not. It was a bold thing for them to do, but it was this or starve.

After watching the boy a few days the missionary concluded that there was good stuff in him, and decided to give him a chance. To make a long story short, the lad was saved, and was put through primary, elementary, and high school, then through college and seminary for he had decided early to be a minister of the gospel. But before finishing his studies, however, he found to his disappointment that he was developing a throat and lung trouble that would ultimately bar him from being a preacher. He prayed earnestly that he might make a success in business so that he could be a bountiful supporter of the gospel. His heart was true, his love for his Lord quenchless. God heard his prayer, blessed and prospered him. He became landowner and renter of city blocks.

One day he came to the missionary with smiling face, saying, "Oh, the Lord has been with my honored mother and my wife and me in great power at our morning worship today. He has made us very happy in a decision arrived at in prayer. How much money do you think you have spent on my education? The missionary, surprised at such a question, asked for time to consider. Later he gave the young Christian man an estimate, which he paid in full with generous interest.

From that time he was a generous supporter of the native church, and a liberal supporter of the foreign missionaries and their work in various places. He helped in getting new fields opened up and in sending preachers to unusually dark corners, although he and his family lived in two rooms.

But that which was far more, this brother was a mighty spirit and force for the Lord Jesus everywhere he went, as he worked hard and with Christian zeal to extend the cause of Jesus. He truly proved Jesus' promise—"Seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

Thus the Lord Jesus makes of a poor, starving, benighted, heathen boy, a man of blessing, influence, and power to help bring the light of salvation to thousands who, like himself, were without hope and lost.

There are millions across the seas, who would respond to the touch of Jesus upon their lives, as truly as this poor, starving boy. Will we give them a chance? All of us can pray and give, and help those who are called to go to the heathen with the words of life. Amen.

## News from the Mission Field

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary, Mission Board

### A LETTER FROM INDIA

Beloved Co-workers:

Though we have been writing report letters often to our most interested co-workers, we have not sent out a circular letter since October, 1934, and regret that we have been hindered from doing so for there has been much of interest to write of what the Lord is doing, for which we praise Him.

You remember our writing about the great persecution at Noornad out-station; of crops being taken from John by the Hindus, etc. In answer to prayer things quieted down there for a time, and more came out of Hinduism. We now have five families from Hinduism and two from the Syrians in our fellowship there. For about four months now our converts at Noornad have been suffering much, some having been severely beaten and stoned and some driven from their homes for fear. Some who desired to stay at home could stand it no longer, so went to places where there are more Christians. Two adults and two children came to headquarters.

Just lately, the Hindus in broad daylight, pulled up four acres of John's tapioca (all he possessed), took it down the river and sold it, keeping the money for themselves. Our poor people were afraid to go out of their houses after dark for fear of being killed. They were starving because their cultivation was taken away. One brother who is fearful has gone back but he said to one of our workers who met him, "Do not misunderstand me. Out of fear I yielded to the Hindus and they took me to their temple. I simply went there but did not worship their idols . . . I am a Christian at heart . . . I am praying as usual and repeating the Bible verses I know . . . Please pray so that I may get strength and boldness to stand these tests."

Hearing of how these poor people were being persecuted, we asked for special prayer for them. As the result of continual and united prayer, the Lord, in a marvellous way, put a sudden end to all the trouble, and our people are now able to live and worship in peace and safety. We have bought a plot of ground in this vicinity and are looking to the Lord for about \$50.00 to erect a small chapel on it. Will you not help us pray this amount in?

Our Bible School began in May and we have nearly 40 students. One has received

the baptism of the Holy Spirit and some have been saved since the school started. Among the students is Esther, sister of John of Noornad. She has learned to read well now and is a bright student of the Word. She is being trained as a Bible woman and is already witnessing boldly for the Lord, giving stirring testimonies.

Mary Sebastian is another student, a convert from Roman Catholicism; one who was about to go and become a nun, but came to us instead about a year ago. She has received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and has been working for the Lord as a Bible woman during the interim since last year's Bible School. Her sister Grace is a first year student. She has received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and God has definitely called her to His service.

We also have a Bible class of 15 at Anyalathanum out-station. One of the teachers here is Markus, one who has had training in our Bible School at headquarters. We are here giving a description of how he came into the Pentecostal way:

Markus, as a young man was disobedient to his parents and not only gave trouble to them but to the neighbors also. He would go out nights to steal and he was also a witchcraft man. Eight years ago during a big revival here which began at Poovathoor out-station, after weeks of prayer, a young man was saved. He held meetings at Kaviyoor and Markus' mother and sisters went to these meetings even though Markus objected to their going. There they were saved and they began to pray for the salvation of Markus.

After a few days he became very sick. He was suffering such pain in his head that he was like a madman and he even thought of putting an end to his life. Blood was coming from his ears. At the suggestion of his mother he decided to go to a meeting where prayer was made for the sick. He waited in a room till the meeting was over, then the evangelist came with others to pray for him. As they prayed the devils whom he was worshipping began to throw him down and he was rolling on the ground. He was screaming so loudly that the evangelist had to leave the room for a time. Then he returned and prayed for him and the Lord healed, praise His name. As a result of his healing he left the old life and turned to the Lord. He burned all the witchcraft books and other writings that he had in his possession. He was baptized in water and has been witnessing for the Lord since.

He has been in our Bible School and we often spoke to him about receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit for we knew that he would become a more useful worker if he had the anointing. He knew it too and was seeking. Praise the Lord, during some special meetings in his Assembly last year, he was filled with the Holy Spirit and gave such a glowing testimony. He is a very bright student of the Word.

There was a Bible class at Madura for one month. Madura is in the Tamil country where work opened up to us about a year ago and where we have several out-stations now. At Madura the saints have lately erected a temporary meeting place with money raised themselves mostly, we giving only about one-fifth of the amount. Owing to municipal restrictions, this shed can only be used for six months. We are therefore looking to the Lord to supply the means to erect a nice church in this large and needy town of Madura. Will you not join us in prayer that means and workers may be supplied for this great field?

Now comes word from one of our workers who has been led to go to the Telugu field. He has found a number who have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit there but are fearful about coming out openly for the truth as they hold positions with a mission there and would have no means of supporting their families should they leave. There are great opportunities in this vast Telugu field but workers and funds are needed. Will you please take this work also upon your hearts and pray that we may be given the needed strength to work not only in Travancore but also in these new fields opened to us? The Lord's coming is so very near. May He stir us up to pray more for revival and that His bride may make herself ready for His soon coming.

You will rejoice to hear that during 1935, 234 followed the Lord in water baptism and in 1936, 202. Some of the Bible students and others are ready for baptism now. We praise God for the increase but long to see greater results. We must see more accomplished as we continue to hold on in earnest prevailing prayer. We do appreciate so much the loving interest of those who are helping us to bear the burden of the work by prayers and gifts. The Lord will not forget to reward such loving service for Him.

We have not heard from some of you for a long time, and we would appreciate a letter to let us know if you are still interested. Letters from home are an encouragement to us. Greetings in Him  
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## More About Conventions

Others have written about the conventions, but still I want to add just a few words.

July 16 we motored from the Iowa-Nebraska convention to Coffeyville, Kans. where a number of people from the state, and some visitors from other states, were there to enjoy a grand time. The Lord blessed. Although it rained and made things somewhat unpleasant under the tent, yet God met with us in a wonderful way. The messages were instructive and the people praised God for His many blessings. While the work in Kansas is still small, we feel there are some loyal, enthusiastic workers and boosters and that a brighter day dawns for them.

May God bless Kansas.

### ILLINOIS

The next day we rushed clear across Missouri and drove into Illinois camp meeting, where we found people praising and thanking God there for His wonderful blessings. They had been able to raise a large sum to pay on the camp ground, thus removing all fear of losing the property, and in fact, the spiritual tide was running high. God especially blessed. We were happy to see the ones gathered there for the feast. There were many good messages and all seemed enthusiastically working to see the church go forward in every department there. The mission and other offerings were real good. We were so sorry that we were not able to be with them earlier and longer.

### MARYLAND

After the evening service in Illinois we drove nearly a hundred miles in order to make better connections to rush over to Maryland camp meeting and convention. We were certainly happy to meet the dear ones there and hear the shouts of victory. The pretty little camp site seemed even more beautiful this year. There were many more in attendance and the dear Lord did bless wonderfully. I believe much good was done. We surely enjoyed the services of our precious colored people. They had the fire, the warmth of which spread from heart to heart. We know that some real efforts to advance the cause of God have been put forth this year, and God will reward their efforts.

May God bless Maryland.

Leaving after the services, we were on the road until nearly daylight. Having endured two blowouts and a strenuous trip, we caught the train to Washington and Cleveland, leaving again the third day for Georgia.

### GEORGIA

The tents on the camp ground at Macon were waving "Welcome." Many

warm hearts were saying, "Welcome." The power and presence of God made us all feel welcome, and truly we had a wonderful time, plenty to eat—free to all, for all had helped to make the program a success. At reporting time there were many hundred percenters and a general high tide of enthusiasm which filled the whole place. The messages were inspiring, the singing was good and the shouts were plentiful. We were sorry to leave, but we had to divide time with the Louisiana convention, which was the same weekend.

### LOUISIANA

We landed right in the midst of a good camp meeting-convention, in the best state in the union, LOUISIANA (my home state). The singing lifted one's soul higher. The messages were inspiring and real good soul-food. Reports showed all were laboring together, also an increase in almost every department. The L. W. W. B. had certainly done a splendid part in helping the pastors raise the needed finance for the churches. The mission offering was splendid and surprised us all. Thank God for good old Louisiana.

### TEXAS

When we say "Texas" thousands remember the good old camp meeting days at Weatherford. Well, it seemed this one was the best. Many were there with the old-time, Pentecostal fire aflame in Texas style. Glory hallelujahs were abundant. The sermons, songs and testimonies were filled with the fire, thank the Lord.

Of course, it was also hot weather, but the Texas winds and heavenly breezes kept us going. The Homeland Harmony Quartet sang heaven closer and closer. The reports revealed that many had been working hard. There were numbers of hundred percenters. The L. W. W. B. has also been doing a splendid work in Texas.

The more love for missions was evidenced by the splendid offering. One man brought us a rather expensive diamond ring and gave it in the offering. Oh, may God grip our hearts until we will all be able to do more for the One who gave His life for us.—J. H. WALKER, General Overseer.

### Come To Bible School

Three cheers to the Lord, the Church and the officials of the Church for the Church of God Bible Training School. It is a pleasure to say a few words in the Evangel in behalf of Bible School.

I am going to say something to those who are planning on going next term who haven't had the privilege of being in school yet. I know you may be wondering and thinking whether it will be best

to go or not. When you leave home it will be hard to say good-bye to mother and dad, brother and sister, and, no doubt, the first day or two you will feel lonesome. But say, about the first time the good students come together to have service and God looks down from the glory world and is pleased with our faith in Him, hallelujah what a happy time 'twill be. Say, there will be letters going over parts of the United States saying, "O mother, dad, what a good time we are having in good old B. T. S."

Do you love the Word of God? If you do, here is the place to come and study it. I say this because I don't know of any other school that kneels before each class and prays to the Father that His blessing might be upon them, that the Word will be taught right. I don't know of any other school that has a faculty that's filled with the Holy Ghost to lead you right.

Come on to school with a mind to study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.—A student of 1936-37, Aylor Padgett, 309 Brawley St., Mooresville, N. C.

### If We Trust God He will Take Care of Us

Dear saints of God, I am writing this hoping to encourage some one who is sick and suffering in his body. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever. If we trust Him with our souls surely we ought to trust Him with our bodies. I am praising God for the many times He has healed in our home.

Just after I came into the Church one of our children took the sore eyes and they were so bad she could not see at all. We sent for the saints to pray for her. Brother T. V. McCormick came with several others. They prayed for the child and God wonderfully healed her. They were not even sore the next morning. Some time ago I was troubled with my throat. At times I could not speak at all but God wonderfully healed me. When at the South Carolina convention Brother R. P. Johnson laid his hands on me and prayed for me and the enemy just had to move on.

On the 12th of June while visiting in Warren, S. C. our baby took suddenly sick. The fever ran so high she didn't even know anyone at times. My wife and I prayed and God instantly healed her. If we will only trust God He will surely take care of us. God has healed everyone in our home many times. If we would only trust God more the Church would grow so much. We who preach divine healing ought to practice it.—L. C. Self, Box 576, Great Falls, S. C.

## Reports

### Services a Great Blessing

SHELBURN, Ind.—Dear saints, I praise God for the way He has led Sister Standifer in her talks and advice to the sisters of the church and all who come to her meetings. God has given her light on the day and age in which we are living; the way the enemy is working with the Church and how he is defeating so many. She always asks God for her lesson and there has never been one meeting but what God has blessed, and as for myself they have been wonderful to me. I have always received new courage and it helps me watch and pray more and look for the enemy.

Sister Standifer is really sincere and every Thursday afternoon she has held her meeting she has had good success. The enemy has tried to defeat, but God gives us the victory. Her first meeting was for the sisters only, and my, it really did everyone so much good and was such an encouragement to everyone. I have had the privilege to attend nearly all of her meetings and know God is using Sister Standifer in this work. If ever she comes near your church, count it a privilege to have her give the sisters a meeting, for God will bless. These meetings have been a great help to me and I would like to see others blessed too.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Blanch Oakes.

### Our Hearts Overflow With Thanksgiving

BRISTOL, Tenn.—Dear Evangel readers, we praise God for His innumerable blessings bestowed upon those who love and serve Him and for His mercy and longsuffering unto the millions who strive on in sin, heedless of their Maker. We truly thank Him for a three weeks' revival conducted in our district tent, just recently purchased. Our pastor, Brother R. C. Cook, and Brother J. H. Daniel of Roanoke, Va. did the preaching under the anointing power of the great Holy Ghost. We were honored with the presence of several of the district pastors and other visitors and highly appreciated their co-operation. After all, we are just workers together for God and He alone understands the divine love we have one to another. Several were saved and sanctified and five added to the church. Great interest was created among many new people of our city. May God be merciful unto those who failed to heed His call during this revival. Brother Daniel labored faithfully with us and preached the Word with boldness.

As the Assembly draws near our hearts

are overflowing with thanksgiving unto our Father and His dear Son, Jesus, for all they have blessed us with this year. We thank Him for our faithful shepherd, Brother Cook, and his dear wife and for their never-tiring efforts with us and for us.

With hearts of joy we celebrated the sixteenth anniversary of our church this year and were honored with the presence of Brother and Sister I. H. Brabson, founders of the work here. Thank God for them and those who have proved faithful through these years that today we too may be in the great Church of God. We love and appreciate our beloved state overseer, Brother M. P. Cross, and all those who have labored with us this year. Pray that God's will will be accomplished in Bristol.—Mrs. A. L. Waters, clerk.

### Work Blessed in New Place

SELMA, Ala.—We thank God for the way He has blessed us here. Sometime ago I requested prayer for a place to worship. When we came here there were no Church of God people here nor anywhere to have service only in a home, so we started service and the Lord began blessing. We stayed on here all this year trying to get a place to worship. We have a small church building and there is a number of people who are interested in the Church of God. We feel like holding on now more than we ever have. I know it takes holding on and lots of faith and praying all the time to stay in a hard place like this until the work goes over the top.

The devil worked but we worked to stay just ahead of him. Oh glory, I feel good because we have won the victory so far. We prayed and worked all the year. It didn't seem so happy going through the dark days but we could feel the victory was coming and then we could see the bright side afar off. We feel like we are going to have the best little new church to pastor another year we have ever had.

Please pray for the new work. We want to be in the center of God's will at all times. Also pray for our Sunday School. We have a goodly number. The school was organized with fifty-nine present and I am sure it will grow since we have a church.—Mrs. Thelma Barrett.

### Let's Keep on the Firing Line

LaGRANGE, Ga. — Dear Evangel readers, I have felt impressed for some time to write what I am now starting. The first thing I will mention is that every Church of God member should, without fail, be a permanent subscriber to the Church of God Evangel. I think it is our duty to our Church and the work, and

each of us should by all means give them out to people who don't get them, especially should we carry them to shut-ins and people who think they are not able to subscribe for one, for it is the best thing that can be introduced into any home, Christian or sinner. We can do without some things but we don't want to do without the Evangel, don't even want to miss one copy. Next to my Bible is my Evangel, it is food to my soul.

Saints of God, let's keep on the firing line, for the coming of the Lord is so near. Now let's keep humble and submissive to God's will at all times. Let this mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus, Phil. 2:5.

We are down here in LaGrange, Ga. away from our first little Church of God flock we ever were with, but our prayers are for them everyone to be faithful unto death. God bless everyone of them at the little church at Iowa Park, Tex. We were there when our church got burned out, but thank God, we were there until we got the new one built and paid out.

We landed here in LaGrange and we have no church building, just worship from house to house, but we are doing all we can to get a building started. Brother Taft Ogden, pastor, and Brother Bob Heaton, clerk, are both men of God, one hundred per cent Church of God, full of the Holy Ghost and fire. The little flock is small in number but they are strong for the Lord and willing to work. All are expecting to see a church building here in the near future. We ask the prayers of all the churches that we will get the building ready before cold weather. I especially ask the people at Electra and Iowa Park, Tex. churches to pray for the work here and pray for us that we will stay ready to go when Jesus comes or calls, for I really don't believe it will be long now before He comes for all who are ready and looking for Him.

I am praising God now that He ever led us here for several reasons. One is that we have better and more opportunities to tell about the great Church of God and its wonderful teachings, and the best of all my own blood kinfolk will hear about it and will come when we get the church building up. They are just about ready to start on it now. Praise the Lord. We know it is going to be a good place when we get it built.

Some who never heard a sermon and never did want to hear nor cared anything about any church say they will hear their first sermon in the Church of God when we get it built. Pray for us while we work.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. H. W. Holden, 1312 Washington St.

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## Testimonies

### Praise God for Blessings Bestowed Upon Me

SURREY, N. Dak.—Dear saints, I praise God for His love, tender mercy and healing power which He has so graciously bestowed upon us. May His name be glorified. Our oldest boy, who is nearly four years old, had been constipated ever since birth. We had used many different medicines but nothing helped. During the Northwest camp meeting we had him prayed for by Brother Rouse and he was healed instantly and has been normal ever since. I praise Him for it all. Glory to His name!

I do want to be true and faithful to my Savior until He comes. Pray that I might be a blessing to others. Please pray for my husband that God will bring him back into the fold.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Henry Hamilton.

### In Times of Trouble Our Father Helps Us

Dear saints, I love the Lord, He is such a dear friend. I am so glad for His promises that He never breaks. I am trusting Him with both soul and body. He has been our healer for seventeen years and I am expecting Him to be until I reach the pearly gate. He said in His Word that the troubles of the righteous are many but the Lord will deliver them out of them. We don't like to get in trouble, but, oh, how sweet to know our Father gets us out.

I thank everyone who prayed for our boy who got in trouble. The Lord delivered him and he has his job back just as at first. Now please pray that he will not fail to pay his vow he made to God while in trouble. He was a backslider. Dear ones, it is dangerous to drift away from God. May the dear Lord help every child of God who is weakening to pray up lest the evil one gets you in trouble.

I have five boys who need more of God and a girl who hasn't God in her life. Please pray for them. Pray for my husband and me that we will not fail to stay in the will of God. We have two girls who have the Holy Ghost and are members of the Church of God. Pray that they will stay close to the Lord. I thank the Lord for them and I believe that sometime, if Jesus tarries, they will all get back to God. Pray for us.—Yours in His service, Mrs. Bettie Hartline, Pine Hill, Ala.

### Church of God is Real to Me

ADAMSVILLE, Ala.—I praise God for

salvation, praise Him for His saving power, His sanctifying blood and the Holy Ghost to lead and guide us. Praise the Lord, I love the Church of God, it's real to me.

I praise God for His healing power. Almost two weeks ago something got wrong with my head. I surely did suffer. I promised God if He would heal my head I would testify of it.

I praise God for the Evangel, it's a real blessing to us. I also praise God for my four children, all of them have the blessing. I have a husband and other relatives out of the ark of safety, so pray for them to be saved and that we will stand firm and be a bright, shining light everywhere we go.—A sister in Christ, May Kelley.

### Eyes Wonderfully Healed

BISMARCK, N. Dak.—Praise God for what He has done for me. It is wonderful to trust Him even when everything looks dark. I suffered for the last two years with my eyes. It seemed that I couldn't stand it anymore. I was nervous and it seemed at times I would become insane. It was terrible. I wore glasses but they didn't help any. I thank God because He has healed me. I was at Minot camp meeting. Brother Rouse prayed for me and God healed me. Praise His name.

Dear ones in Christ, don't do the way I have done. It is terrible when God calls us into His service and we reject. I have gone through with things I know wouldn't have happened if I had obeyed Him. My desire is to do God's will at all times. Dear ones, do pray that God will undertake and save my husband that I will not be hindered in doing God's will.—Your sister in Him, Mrs. L. Ellison, 318 1st St.

### How I Praise God for His Healing Power

LANCASTER, Ky.—Dear saints, I thank the Lord for His great keeping power, and what He has done for me. I had been a Christian a long time and in 1932 I joined the Church of God. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Praise His name.

About three years ago I took sick. I had doctors and they said nothing could be done for me, so they decided to take me to the hospital, said that was my last chance. I began to see the need of Jesus more in my life. They took an X-ray. I was so low I had to be fed with a spoon. They sent me home and said I couldn't live, but one day the Lord came down with His mighty healing power and touched my body. Oh, how I praise God for His healing power.

I promised God if He would heal me I would go and work for Him so He gave

me strength to go but I failed, and about three weeks ago I got so sick I could hardly move without it hurting me, so I sent for our pastor and his wife. They came and prayed for me and the Lord brought me out. Praise the Lord.

I praise the Lord for our good pastor and his wife. He surely has done a wonderful work since he came to Pine Grove. Our church is doing fine. We have had some good revivals. I don't know how many got the blessing but eternity alone will tell. Pray earnestly for me, I am weak in body. Pray that I will do the Lord's will and that a Church of God will be set in order close enough for us. We don't live very close to one. Pray for us and our pastor, Brother Lewis. Don't forget to pray for my husband, he has the blessing. Pray for my unsaved children.—Your sister, Emily Daris, R. F. D. 2.

### Healed of Chills and Fever

SHAW, Miss.—Dear readers, I have much to thank the Lord for. I thank Him for being saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and for a desire to go on. I thank Him for healing me of chills and fever. I was taken with the third chill when the Lord wonderfully touched my body and the fever immediately began to leave. I haven't had a chill since, for which I give the Lord all the praise. I was fully trusting Him.

I hope this will encourage others. I don't get to be in service like I want to but my desire is to work for the Lord and obey Him at all times. I'm daily seeking God for knowledge and to know His will. I need the prayers of the saints that the Lord will open a way for me that I will have a way to go to church more and to do the things He would have me to do. Pray for my family that they will be saved. Some of them have once known the Lord. Saints, please pray for me, I want to be a full overcomer.—Mrs. Alma Cumings.

### Stepped Out on Divine Healing

LINDALE, Ga.—I thank God for His wonderful healing power. Last summer I was sick with chills for almost three weeks but I was depending upon man and medicine. This summer I started having them again but stepped out on divine healing and promised God I wouldn't take any more medicine and I had only two chills, God healed. Pray for me that I will always trust my body to the Lord.—Your brother in Christ, H. G. Kennington.

The minister who gets under a smiting spirit will soon have his sheep afraid of him and will disqualify himself for both leading and feeding them.

## REVIVALS

BOAZ, Ala.—We thank the Lord for the revival which Brother Coker held at this place. He did some wonderful preaching. There were some saved, one reclaimed and more looking this way. On account of the revival at Mount Zion Brother Coker had to leave us but we are looking for him to come back about the middle of September and run another revival. We thank the Lord for our good, humble pastor, Brother I. A. Lindsay. We also thank Him for our little church. There are some true saints here who have the victory. Stop by and visit us sometime.—Burgess Cahela.

MT. CARMEL, Miss.—I praise God for a revival Brother Roy Blackwood held at old Mt. Carmel church near my home. He preached twelve nights. All who have heard him know how he can preach; conviction seized the hearts of the people and the altar was full nearly every night. One was filled with the Holy Ghost and some were reclaimed. All were blessed and revived. Pray that God will continue to bless and the church may be reorganized. Pray for me and my family.—Mrs. Florence Carney, Rt. 1, Box 50, Foxworth, Miss.

GAFFNEY, S. C.—We thank the Lord for the revival which closed July 26. It ran two weeks and one day with Sisters Myrtle Whitehead and Pauline Jackson doing the preaching. The Lord blessed them in giving out the Word. Twelve were converted, eight sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, four added to the church and seven baptized in water. The meeting closed with the Lord's Supper and feet washing. Pray for the church. Of course, the devil doesn't like the church but we see brighter prospects for the church here in the future.—L. H. Powell, pastor.

WOODMAN, Ky.—We thank the Lord for sending Brother L. S. Cooper in our midst for a three weeks' revival. We feel that this fine young evangelist did much in influencing folks to look this way, and in spite of all the opposing powers of the enemy God blessed wonderfully with the assurance of six being saved and sanctified, two renewed, four filled with the Holy Ghost, two baptized in water and three added to the church. Pray for us.—Mattie Varney, clerk; Elliott Justice, pastor.

COALDALE, Ala.—A two weeks' revival just closed here. We surely thank

the Lord for victory. The devil worked with all of his power but the Lord defeated him after all. The church was blessed. Thank God, nine were saved and sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost and three added to the Church. Brother W. E. Motes was in charge, assisted by Brother Joe Childress.—Elisha Jolly, clerk.

TRAFFORD, Ala. — We have just closed a week's meeting at Trafford Church of God. We had a wonderful meeting, God really blessed. Nine prayed through to the Holy Ghost and nine were added to the church. The power of God was in this meeting in a great way. Please pray for everyone that they may live this wonderful blessing and be the cause of others coming this way. We have a good church at Trafford and a good band of saints. We really thank God for our pastor, Brother W. E. Crider, one who will stand for the whole Bible and who isn't afraid to preach holiness. We really love him and his wife. Pray for us to be ready to go.—C. W. Sheffield, clerk.

EDINBURG, Tex.—A revival has just closed here for which we really and truly thank the Lord. The meeting was conducted by Brother Orval Woodruff. Six souls were saved, two sanctified and two filled with the Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord. God wonderfully blessed throughout the entire meeting and many were healed. Pray for us here that we will stay on fire for God and be soul winners for Jesus.—A sister in His service, Mrs. Eula Ponder.

RIPLEY, Tenn.—I praise the Lord for the way He has been blessing at Beasley Chapel. Brother and Sister Orvil Baney held a three week's revival here in which the Lord blessed. Eleven were saved, two sanctified, six added to the church, five followed the Lord in water baptism, and some were reclaimed. The church was built up. Brother and Sister Baney are real evangelists. We earnestly request your prayers as we are in a strain trying to build our new church.—Raymond Goodwine, pastor, Dyersburg, Tenn., Rt. 2, Frank Jernigan, clerk, Rt. 1, Ripley, Tenn.

BECKLEY, W. Va. — The writer pitched his tent in the town of Oakhill, W. Va. After fighting a hard battle for eight weeks he gained the victory with a small number, purchased a lot in that town and has started a church building by faith. All who read this please pray that we will get this building finished by the Assembly.—H. S. Smith, district overseer.

HOUSTON, Miss.—We praise the Lord for the three weeks' revival that has just closed here at Thorn church. Brother Clyde Holland, our faithful pastor, conducted the services for one week, then Brother George Padgett and family of Alabama came over and continued the meeting for two weeks. He surely gave out the Word in its fullness, bringing great conviction upon the people. His faithful wife and two daughters rendered great service in the altar. Twelve received the Holy Ghost, ten were baptized in water, and eight added to the church. Brother Doyle Blackwood has just closed a very successful singing school here, after which a Y. P. E. was organized with several members. Please pray for us.—W. B. Wimberly, clerk.

FLINT, Mich.—A revival came to a close Aug. 29 conducted by the writer, who is pastor. Two were saved, two sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, three baptized in water and two added to the church. One lady was healed who had been under the doctor's care for some years. She is trusting God now. About the middle of the revival the devil got mad and tried to get us out with a petition but, praise our God, they only advertised God's meeting. Pray for us, we have a good outlook in this end of the vineyard.—Your brother in Christ, W. M. Barnard, 814 Cornelia St.

SEABOARD, Va. — We are thankful for the good meeting we had at Seaboard which began July 18 and ran until up in August. Brother Elswick did the preaching the first of the meeting and we enjoyed his messages. After he left we just continued the meeting until Brother A. A. Proffitt came over. He stayed with us about two weeks and prayed, preached and held on to God for lost souls. We feel much good was done. About six were saved, two sanctified, two baptized in water and three added to the church. We thank all who prayed for this meeting and the good brethren who labored with us. Brother Proffitt is a young evangelist in the Church of God but he is surely proving himself well. Pray for us at Seaboard.—A. J. Cox, pastor.

SARAH, Miss.—Dear saints, the Lord surely blessed in the twelve days' revival here. Three were saved, one filled with the Holy Ghost and one reclaimed. Brother Jack Allen did the preaching. Please pray for this place. We plan to start another revival Sept. 20. Pray for the church here. It hasn't been set in order quite a year. Please pray for me that I will stay centered in the Lord's will.—Your humble brother, Luther Jones, deacon.

ALMA, Ga.—We thank the Lord for the victory He has given us over the powers of Satan in a two weeks' revival conducted by Brother U. D. Tidwell of Atlanta. The Lord wondrously saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Five received the full blessing, three were saved and numbers of others blessed.—Bernice Hyers.

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FT. PIERCE, Fla. — We have just closed a three weeks' revival in which God wonderfully blessed. Eleven were saved, six sanctified and three filled with the Holy Ghost. God surely blessed Brother C. A. Drymon. He preached the Word with power and demonstration of the Spirit, he also preached pure holiness. He is a good revivalist. On the last night God instantly healed a lady in accordance with Mark 16:18. We certainly appreciate our pastor, Brother M. D. Alderman. He is a man of God, deep in the study of the Scripture. Please pray for us here.—Leon Sheffield.

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WINBORN, Miss.—Our revival began Aug. 13 with Sister F. W. Alexander in charge. It closed Sept. 1. It was the best revival this country has ever known. The interest began the first night and continued until the last. Large crowds attended every service, people came for miles and seemed to be hungry for the Word of God. Four were saved, five sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, four added to the Church, and three baptized in water. Sister Alexander did some wonderful preaching. We enjoyed it. The people were held spellbound under the mighty power of God and the church was edified and built up. Pray for us that the revival spirit will keep burning within our hearts until the Lord comes.—Your co-worker, M. L. Muse.

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We praise the Lord for the Church of God in Wadesboro, N. C., for the dear saints who love the church and stand by her. It has been wonderful the way the church has worked together this year. How the dear Lord has blessed, and the church is moving on. Praise the Lord. We dedicated the church the Fourth of July. Brother Stephens brought the message and the Lord wonderfully blessed.

We just closed a revival a few days ago. Brother and Sister Vance Perkins were in charge. They certainly are good workers. Brother Perkins preached the Word with power. Sister Perkins' singing was also enjoyed. Souls were blessed and six were added to the church. We came here last October just after the Assembly and can truly say we have never enjoyed a year's work better since we've been working for the Lord than we have here this year. The dear Lord has blessed us in so many ways and made our work pleasant. Bless

His name. Pray for the work here.—Mrs. Fred L. Davis, leader.

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MOORESVILLE, N. C.—The Church of God at Mooresville, N. C. is still shouting the high praises of the Lord for the way He is blessing here. We have just closed a four weeks' revival with Brother R. E. Lovelle, pastor of the Church of God at York, S. C., in charge. The Lord surely did bless. There were eighty-four saved, forty-two sanctified, and three filled with the Holy Ghost. Many times the power fell and Brother Lovelle would not get to preach. It was wonderful. I can still feel the sweet presence of the Lord. Pray for the church at Mooresville, N. C.—A brother in Christ, L. R. Smith.

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NINETY SIX, S. C.—On July 3 after Sister Emma Sullivan had preached three weeks here Brother R. P. Johnson and Brother J. C. Childers of Anderson came down and set a church in order with thirteen members. There have been three added to that number which makes sixteen. We are looking for Brother Frank Smith to bring his tent next Monday, Sept. 13, and preach for about three weeks. Please pray for us at this place. Brother R. S. Barnes is pastor. Please pray that the Lord will heal my body.—Mary Roark.

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BYINGTON, Tenn.—We praise the Lord for His goodness and mercy to us. The Church of God at Providence near Solway is still on the firing line. A two weeks' revival has just closed here and we can report victory. Sister Stella Monneymaker of Unaka, N. C. was in charge of the meeting. Brother Jess Henderson of this place also helped. They are both members of the church here. God surely did bless them in giving out the Word. Sister Eugene Roberts of North Carolina was also with us. She is a good worker and we appreciated having her. There was shouting, dancing and talking in tongues. Four were saved, five reclaimed, two sanctified (one a deacon of the Baptist church), and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Several people were prayed for who were sick. We observed the Lord's Supper and had feet washing Sunday night. The power fell in a wonderful way. We always get a blessing when we obey God's commandments. One was added to the church and many sinners are asking for prayer. Please pray for us here that God will continue to bless us and many more souls will be saved.—A sister in Jesus, Mrs. Chastaine Norman.

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UNIONTOWN, Pa.—Brother J. L. Hathcock and his co-workers have just closed a very successful revival at the Church of God at Uniontown which

lasted three weeks and four days. It was the most successful revival that was ever held at Uniontown and was well attended. Nine were filled with the Holy Ghost, six sanctified, two saved, five baptized in water and two added to the church. God worked in a mighty way. Brother and Sister Hathcock and Sister Ruth Baldree furnished the music and some fine singing. Pray for them, also for the church at Uniontown.—Harry Early.

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WARRENTON, N. C.—I praise God for the revival just closed at our little church Aug. 22 with our humble pastor in charge, Brother I. H. Hinton. The good cannot be told. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Two were saved, one sanctified and one reclaimed. We surely thank the Lord for His wonderful power. The whole church seemed to be revived. Please pray that the revival spirit will continue. We feel more like traveling on than ever before. Please pray that we will stay humble at Jesus' feet. Pray for our loved ones.—Mrs. C. C. Incoe, clerk.

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MT. GAY, W. Va.—I conducted an eighteen nights' revival at the Church of God at Lax, W. Va. The revival began Aug. 2 and closed Aug. 19. We had a very good revival. We had six seekers at the altar. I ask the Evangel family to hold these seekers up before God in prayer that they will be saved. There are some good saints at Lax. They also have a good man for a pastor and his wife is a fine sister. Saints, pray hard as the enemy is fighting in these last days, trying to keep people from receiving experiences from God. It used to be easy to have big revivals with many finding the Lord but we hardly hear of big meetings now. Saints, it is going to take prayer and fasting to accomplish great things for God.—Yours in Christ, W. Haskell Compton.

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### The Saints' Prayers Gave Me Courage

HAYESVILLE, N. C. — Dear loved ones, I praise the Lord for His precious healing power. Glory to God! I had been sick almost five months with rheumatism but I am well again and able to work. Glory to God! I am giving God the glory for it all.

I thank those who offered up prayer for me. May God richly bless you. I had almost lost faith when God touched my body, but when I saw how the saints here were praying for me it gave me new courage. Please pray that I may hold up the blood stained banner for Christ and do His will at all times.—A sister in Christ, Rebecca Morgan.

When the preacher hits you, don't get mad; get out of the way of his message.



## Requests

We started a revival here September 6 with Sister Helen Morrow in charge. We covet the prayers of everyone that God will bless and many souls pray through to the Holy Ghost. We thank God for our good pastor and his family. He has been so encouraging to us and we hope to have him back with us another year.—Mrs. Lovie Mosteller, clerk, Jacksonville, Ala.

Dear saints, please pray for me and my son. The Lord called my husband home on March 28 and I get downhearted sometimes now. My health is not good. Do pray that God will heal my body and help me to be true to Him until the end. Don't pass this request up lightly for I surely need help and encouragement.—Mrs. Stella Fowler, Rt. 4, Canton, Ga.

Pray earnestly that the Lord will heal me of asthma. I know the Lord can heal.—Mrs. C. C. LaFevre, Rt. 2, Calhoun, Ga.

Please pray for Sister Garret's daughter who is in a serious condition. Pray for her soul and body.—Minnie Adams, Nettleton, Ark.

Pray that God will have His way in my life. We surely love Brother J. B. Weeks and hope to have him back next year. Please pray for us. Pray that it will be God's will for some dear people to go to the Assembly.—Miss Zola Pearl Hand, 242 N. W. 3rd Ave., Cairo, Ga.

Please pray a special prayer for my mother who is in a serious condition. She does not know much about holiness. If you feel led, write her. Her address is Mrs. Fannie Hodges, Rt. 4, West, Miss. Pray for me and for my husband and children. I praise the Lord for instantly healing my baby.—Nannie E. Ellis, Doddsville, Miss.

Please pray for my neck and back as they hurt. I think it is my nerves.—Mrs. Pearl McDonald, Wess, Ky.

I ask every child of God to pray for my throat. It is in a bad condition. Also pray for my baby to be healed. If any one feels led to fast, please do so.—Leona Tharp, Isola, Miss.

Please remember me in prayer. I have some unspoken requests.—Mrs. Lowell Beatty, Maryville, Tenn.

Pray for my sick baby. He is very sick with stomach trouble. Pray for our family.—Mrs. Taylor, Arkansas.

Pray for Brother J. C. Hudgin's baby. It is in a serious condition.—W. M. Wood, Sylacauga, Ala.

I request prayer for the healing of my body. I have been afflicted almost three months. I am trusting the Lord.—Pauline Palmer, Silver Point, Tenn.

Dear saints, I request prayer for my soul and body. I have been saved over fourteen years and trusted God completely for my healing over ten years. I have done my best while here in Clayton to get a Church of God work. Last year we had a church established with twenty members and I took care of the work and worked to support my two children and myself. Last January I became ill. I almost crossed over the divide, and it seems it would have been better if I had for I had victory in my soul. Today my spirit is wounded until I feel I have completely lost out with God. Oh, I do want to go through and see the end of a Christian race. My health is gone, I am a complete nervous wreck at times. I have no desire to go back in sin, the world doesn't interest me and I love the Church of God, but I am hurt and it seems I just can't turn it over to God. I know it is all a trick of the devil but I want victory in my soul. At times it seems I can get victory over the trial then at the dead hours of midnight I will awake and study it all over and become discouraged again. Please pray until your prayers go through. Ask God to help me pray through.—Estella Cook, Clayton, N. Mex.

Please pray for my baby. She fell five weeks ago and hurt her head. The doctor said her skull is fractured. She doesn't rest any hardly. Please pray that she won't have to have an operation.—A sister, Mrs. Joe Lee, Cropwell, Ala.

Dear saints, please pray a special prayer for my little girl. She is nine years old and can't hear or talk much. Pray that God will heal her so I won't have to send her from home to school. I know the Lord is able. Please have the church pray for her.—Your sister, Daisy Guthrie, Newport, N. C.

Please pray a special prayer for Mrs. Ellen Jones who has been an invalid for about twenty-five years caused from rheumatism. She is in a critical condition. She says she knows God can heal and if He doesn't she will soon be where there won't be any suffering. Also pray for Mrs. John Hughes who is in the last stage of T. B. She says she believes God will

heal her. Anyone who feels like it, send her letters as she would appreciate them very much. Her address is Mrs. John Hughes, Rt. 1, Mize, Miss.—Mrs. W. L. Sharp, Magee, Miss.

Dear saints, I have been healed of heart trouble, gallstones and other afflictions for which I thank and praise God. I have an affliction now for which I desire prayer. Pray that God will heal if it be to the glory of God. I also desire prayer for my loved ones. Some have been deceived and led in the wrong way. Others need to be saved from sin. Pray that God will heal one of my sisters of some kind of spells which she has been having for a number of years, also pray that she will be shown the right way of salvation. Pray for me that I will have grace to overcome every trial and test.—An unworthy sister under the blood, Mrs. Lee Robertson, Great Falls, S. C., Rt. 1, Box 45.

Please pray a special prayer for me. I have been sick eight weeks, was bedfast four weeks with something like a nervous breakdown. I have trusted the Lord for the healing of my body for five years and I do not feel like giving up now. Please earnestly pray for me, I am able to be up now and do a little light work but I know God is able to completely heal and give me back my strength. Also pray that God will provide a way for me to subscribe for the Church of God Evangel again as I have missed it so much since I've been sick. I need your prayers so much. I also have an unspoken request. Please pray earnestly that God will undertake for me.—A sister under the blood, Mrs. C. D. Nine, St. George, W. Va.

Please fast and pray for me, I have grown cold. I am also afflicted in body. I suffer with my back, sides and stomach. I know the Lord can heal. Pray until your prayers go through for I am in misery. If anyone feels led to send me an anointed cloth, it will be appreciated.—Mrs. W. W. Millican, Joiner, Ark.

Dear readers, I am thirty-three years old and have suffered from bladder and kidney trouble about all my life. I know God is able to heal my body if it is His will. I have been converted for sometime but it seems I am having a hard time getting any farther. I lost my poor mother two weeks ago and my heart is so sad and lonesome. Will you lose a meal and fast and pray for me to be healed, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and that my heart will be comforted? Please pray earnestly. There are no Church of God folks here except my wife and me. Pray for heartbroken father, brothers and sisters.—Your brother, Bruce Brumfield, Gill, W. Va.

## SWEET INCENSE OF PRAYER

Psalm 141:2, "Let my prayer be set before thee as incense and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice."

Rev. 5:8, "And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials of odours, which are prayers of saints."

Rev. 8:3-6, "And another angel came and stood at the altar having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand. And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake. And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound."

In the previous chapter we call your attention to the tabernacle and its spiritual application. One of the most important things in the holy place was the golden altar which stood higher than any other object in the tabernacle. It was on this golden altar that the spices or incense was burned. Prayer in these scriptures are represented under the symbol of incense. It was significant in the first place of the intercession of Christ our great High Priest, through whose mediation we are accepted as a (sweet smelling savor).

Prayer is more than mere words. Prayer is more than just calling upon God. True and sincere prayer is a fine art, a divine inspiration from God that inspires us to be resigned to the will of God. There is a vast difference in saying a prayer and praying a prayer. Those prayers that the Spirit takes control of, that are made with groanings that can not be understood, those that the Spirit makes intercession to God for us are the prayers that carry the divine fragrance and atmosphere of Heaven before the throne and God holds the sweetest fragrance that can be produced from the human heart. Perfume is one delicate and exquisite form of matter. It is much finer than color. The tints of the rose may be fair to the eye and exquisitely shaded but the sweetness of the rose lies in its fragrance and its exquisite odor is the soul of the plant. It must be crushed to produce the sweet fragrance and odor. So is the heart that is crushed for the want of more of the love of God. He hears our most feeble prayer if it comes from that crushed heart. It carries the fragrance and sweetness that is accepted of God. Praise His

sweet holy name!—Evangelist J. B. Merritt.

## Washington, N. C. Camp Meeting

The Washington camp meeting is now history. Brother T. C. Franklin and the state overseer assisted by others, gave many helpful messages which were enjoyed by sinners as well as saints. Many who attended spoke of how they enjoyed the preaching and music. Friends and saints came with their musical instruments from other places and rendered good service. We can't express our appreciation to them for their untiring efforts. The music and singing was so beneficial. We were made to believe that where there is unity there is power. The attendance was considered better than ever before and the behavior was almost perfect. Everything was quiet on the ground and in the tabernacle everyone seemed to be attentive. For this we certainly praise the Lord, and we are sure many friends were won in this meeting who will be friends to the Church of God in the future.

Many think we are peculiar people and we surely are zealous of good works. Everyone who helped us at all this year, if the Lord wills, come next year with a desire to help again. To be sure your help was appreciated. May the Lord especially bless everyone. The good, sweet, spirit and fellowship was felt and the power of the Lord was there to heal those who had need of healing. Some received definite blessings. Surely the camp meeting is of more interest than ever before.

We are so thankful to have Brother J. L. Stephens as our state overseer and Brother T. C. Franklin as our Y. P. E. superintendent. We at Snowds Branch church wish very much to have them over our state for the coming year. We feel that they are ever up and busy, ready to do their bit.—Mrs. T. L. Little, clerk.

## Wonderfully and Instantly Healed

SEARCY, Ark.—I praise our Lord for His wonderful healing power. A few weeks ago we were called to the bedside of a woman in the Assembly of God church. This woman had been under the care of the best doctor in the county for three years. She had kidney trouble, gall bladder trouble and ulcer of the stomach. She was on a diet, couldn't eat anything but raw eggs, sweet milk and breakfast cereals.

We prayed for her and laid hands on her in Jesus' name and God wonderfully and instantly healed her of all her troubles. Now she eats anything she wants

and is shouting the victory.

We also praise God for Brother Odus Smith, our good state overseer. God certainly is blessing Arkansas through Brother Smith. Please pray earnestly for us.—Your brother in the Church of God, A. L. Querry.

## The Foundation of God Standeth Sure

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will be carried out to the letter.

And while our God is disputing with earthly kings and rulers, let's make ready to crown the King of kings. But some one says, "Your text asked a question, If the foundations be destroyed what can the righteous do?" Oh, yes, and the wise man answers it in Proverbs 18:10, "The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe." Thank God! We also hear Paul reassuring our safety. In 2 Timothy 2:19 he says, "Nevertheless (notwithstanding the fall of many foundations) the foundation of God standeth sure."

Children, look up. Stay on God's foundation.

## Willing Workers' Band a Blessing

SOMERSET, Ky.—We have a fine Willing Workers' Band here under the able leadership of Sister Mary Waddle. They have recciled the church and painted the inside and have some money in the bank yet. We are working hard and God is blessing us. Pray for our Willing Workers' Band at Somerset, Ky.—Solomon Scalf, pastor.

## REQUESTS

Dear saints, please pray for my brother, Will Haney, who has a goitre and throat trouble. I believe if he was healed it would be the means of others being saved.—Mrs. Myrtle Thompson, Clyde, N. C.

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Please pray for me that I will grow stronger in the grace of God. Also pray that God will remove a goitre from my neck. Please pray earnestly for me.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Effie Brumfield, Gill, W. Va.

## Notice!

The Church of God at Glassie Mountain is having a home coming Sept. 19 which is the third Sunday. We are expecting a great time. Every family bring a well-filled basket. We ask everyone to bring a donation to help pay off the \$62.50 debt on the church. Come one, come all. There will be good singing, testimonies, preaching and shouting.—W. L. Ramsey, pastor, R. F. D. 1, Taylors, S. C.

## BACK IN THE ARMS OF JESUS

Dear Evangel Readers:

I want to blend in my note of praise along with the many other letters of thanks and praises. I feel as if I have more to praise my Savior for than most any human alive, for God did forgive me and take me back under His mighty sheltering wing. Now I again feel free within the folds of the blessed Church of God.

I thank God deep down in my heart that Brother Smith, our state overseer, came this way with the power of God and truth in his preaching, for it was through his preaching that I began to study harder and create a desire to have God in my life. I have been about a little and have heard some good preaching but I don't believe that I have ever seen the real power of God in any man's sermon as was demonstrated in those Brother Smith preached at West Helena and here.

Many of you readers remember my mother, Sister Tilghman of Hardy, Miss., who was a loyal member of the Church of God, one who weathered the storms and trials of the Church and who died in the faith and has gone on to take her vacation in heaven. I am her youngest son, the one she called Jimmie. I was saved and got the full blessing at a wonderful, old-time family prayer when I was rather young. Mother drilled us in the ways of God, and as most young people I rested too heavily upon tender care and guidance and when God called her away I didn't have that ready advice, that understanding mother to go to, so finally I drifted back into sin.

God kept dealing with me but I kept putting it off and growing deeper and deeper in sin. Finally one day while handling some carbolic acid I got some in my eyes. I washed them and did everything I knew to do but they kept burning. I was at home alone. I know that something had to be done and done quickly, and before I hardly knew what was happening I was bursting through the house to the little closet that dear old mother had used for her secret altar. Once there I poured out my heart to God and promised Him that I would live for Him if He would only heal my eyes and not allow the acid to blind them. I had felt the call to carry the Word of God but being young I felt I could not and so kept it to myself, but I promised God that I would carry His Word if He would give me relief. The terrible burning left almost at once and I was as well as ever and my eyes were not even red within a few minutes. I began to doubt the strength of the acid then and applied some of it to a wart and saw it eat down into the flesh. That was a wonderful

example of God's healing power, but again I failed to hold out.

Later I got work in Chicago and after working a while with the Commonwealth Edison Electric Company the nerves of my eyes began to fail. I quit work and entered the hospital, praying almost every breath of my sleepless hours, but the heavens seemed brass and those broken promises would roll up before me. I lay in that hospital six long weeks without a pain, other than the needling of my eyes which I had to stand without ether or gas, just lying still to quite my nerves, well as I ever was in my life other than my eyes and they were not paining me, just gradually weakening down day by day. Some days I could not tell so much by my vision but the chart on my bed showed the gradual wearing away of the nerves and all I had to do was consult it when I was in doubt as to their condition. My prayers went nowhere, I had disobeyed God and broken all my vows and promises and so upon that bed I gave up and now I am satisfied with just being back in the arms of Jesus.

That happened in '23 and from then until I met and heard Brother Smith's sermons I had not felt the call of God. I would have welcomed it long ago, prayed to have a desire to serve God, and had many ministers and friends to plead with me to go to the altar, but I felt no call and no Spirit so I refused to go. When Brother Smith showered down the Word of God I didn't have to be begged to go. I felt the power of God all over me the first time I heard him preach, which was only a month or so ago. Brother Smith almost gave his life at this place preaching so hard. He suffered from a heart attack and had to leave the meeting with Sister Mary Wright who did some wonderful preaching. The meeting was wonderful but I want Brother Smith to come back when he is able.

We need prayers and I ask that you saints pray for me that I may continue in this way and pray for this place. Do not discard the thought of this request when you lay down the paper but pray for us as I asked you to do. I have not been a bad backslider but did have some habits that were certainly not godly ones and I need prayers to overcome them. I had common sense enough left not to take up the habit of using tobacco or liquor in any form so I don't have that to fight and overcome, thank God.

I would not have joined the church so soon had it not been for my wife, for I wanted to prove myself and know I could live the life before I joined, but she took the lead and I followed. She had had the blessing about a year and had never joined the church and other holiness movements had been trying to get

her to join them, so when she took the stand I was so proud to see it until I was willing to join and prove myself in the folds of the wonderful old Bible Church.

Pray that I may continue in an ever upward walk and ever do God's will, even if I must carry His Word. I feel that the loss of sight is my burden for disobedience which I must carry through life and so am not asking prayers for my sight but that I may be able to ever continue with God, for I am well enough satisfied to be back in the arms of Jesus. I am not well in body so you may pray for the healing of my body also. God bless you is my prayer.—James B. Tilghman, 1133 Ohio St., Helena, Ark.

## EDITORIALS

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be lifted from the Church and the coming of Christ to catch away His people ushered in. We are sure that this is a misapplication of the scripture. During the tribulation week the Jews will have charge of the main preaching of the gospel and they are the ones who will preach the gospel to every nation. As Antichrist has gathered his armies and all nations to Jerusalem in the last three and a half years of the tribulation week to stamp out the last trace of religion, these Jews who are sealed in Rev. 7:4-8 will have charge of the gospel and they will preach it to all nations because they will be gathered there by the man of sin, Zech. 14:1-3, and the Jews will suffer great martyrdom and all of them will be slain except the 144,000 who are sealed for a special purpose.

In Matt. 24:21 we have a description of great tribulation such as has never been before nor ever shall be any more. At this time the 144,000 Jews will be able to withstand every trial and persecution. The two prophets will be permitted to preach the gospel and able to resist every attack the Antichrist forces make upon them until they finish their work, and we are sure that the latter part of Matthew 24 refers to the tribulation and persecution of the Jews after the rapture. These Jews will have great power and they will preach to every nation.

We feel sure that the thought we have tried to present to you is a true explanation of these scriptures and if we will only put them in their proper setting we will realize that the Gentile dispensation, or the church age, may be closed at any moment and Jesus appear in the clouds of heaven. Then there will be a period of seven years of great tribulation and at the end of this tribulation He will come to reign a thousand years. Rev. 19:11-15.

Love worketh no evil to his neighbor.



### Mississippi State Camp Meeting and Convention

The Church of God state camp meeting began at the state headquarters near Tomnolen, Miss., on July 8. God met with us and set His approval on the services from the beginning. Each morning service was devoted to Bible study and exhortation to the saints and the glory of God would come down in such a wonderful way and there would be crying for joy, shouting and praising God.

On the 13th Brother R. P. Johnson, state overseer of South Carolina, and assistant General Overseer and his family arrived to be with us for the rest of the camp meeting and convention. Also Brother Robert Blackwood, state overseer of Louisiana, was with us. On Monday night Brother Blackwood brought a message which was inspiring.

Thursday morning Brother R. P. Johnson gave us many good thoughts on "Divine Government in the Church." After hearing this message surely no one could deny a visible church nor refuse to take the whole Word of God with its holy precepts.

Friday night on the 18th the state convention opened with delegates from all parts of the state. The welcome address was given by our esteemed state overseer, Brother M. J. Headley, and surely everyone felt welcome by this time for the Holy Ghost came on the scene and set His approval on the service. Response was made by Sister Martha Womack and other delegates. Brother Johnson brought the message which was truly fitting for the hour.

Saturday morning at nine o'clock Sister Mary Tidwell brought a message. Following this Brother R. P. Johnson brought a message. Surely everyone was made to realize the need of more love. Another message was brought that night on "The Personality and Working of the Holy Ghost." An altar call was given and many fell into the altar crying out to God.

On Sunday morning the state overseer, Brother M. J. Headley, brought the message. Oh, God blessed in such a wonderful way. A mission offering was taken and about two hundred dollars were received. We are looking for God to bless greater before the General Assembly.

The convention closed Sunday night, July 18. All went to their places on the field more encouraged to work than ever before. Many said that truly this was the best convention they had ever attended.

Just a few words about our state headquarters. We are really proud of the state parsonage, and although we didn't have the state tabernacle built to hold the state convention in we believe God will bless in such a way that we will have

the tabernacle built for our next state convention. We thank God for our state overseer who has his whole heart in this program. If you don't believe Mississippi is coming to the front just come over and see. Come on, Mississippi, and let's rally to the great cause of God. When we get this building program over the top we can surely shout.

Now saints of Mississippi, the General Assembly will soon be here and we want to show our appreciation to our beloved state overseer by sending him a love offering. Come on and let's give him a liberal offering and help him go to the General Assembly. Every church should send in a good offering and God will surely bless. Don't forget to pray for the work in Mississippi.—Mrs. Thurman G. Pearson, Tomnolen, Miss.

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from us all,

Yours in His fellowship,

BERTHA N. COOK,

Chengannur P. O., Travancore, S. India.

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### What Are You Doing With Your Old S. S. Cards?

We have an earnest appeal from Brother Cook in India for Sunday School cards. We would be glad to get your left-over cards. Many Sunday Schools have a few cards left over each Sunday that soon accumulate to quite a large number. Many of the children destroy their cards as soon as they get home. If our Sunday Schools will keep their old cards, and if the teachers will see how many of the children will donate their cards after they have finished with them (although it may be several weeks after the lesson), I believe we can gather enough cards to supply the children of our Sunday Schools in India.

How many are willing to take this to heart and help them? Try it out in your Sunday School and see if it works.—Zeno C. Tharp, Secretarv Mission Board.

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### More Than I Can Tell

CLARENDON, Jam., B. W. I.—Dear Evangel readers, I praise the dear Lord for what He has done for me. I praise Him because His name is worthy of being praised. The Holy Ghost still abides and I am gaining ground.

About two months ago my little baby, one year and six months old, got a dreadful fall and a piece of stick stuck in her. The place was bleeding so much that it made me want to take my eyes off Jesus. I turned my face to heaven and said, "Lord God, will you suffer me to break my vow?" and in a few seconds the blood had ceased. It was a delicate place but I

held on to God's unchanging hand and prayer and after about nine days she was healed completely.

God doesn't heal right away every time, He sometimes teaches us to wait on Him. The same child got another fall. She is only a year and six months old. She sprained her right hand. I asked the Lord to forgive me for not testifying to the healing of her body and if He would only heal again I would tell of it, and a little while afterward the child fell asleep and after she awoke she was completely healed. Before she fell asleep you could not touch her hand.

Is not this the mighty power of God? Glory to His name. I am glad to know that Brother Rouse and all those faithful ones' Savior is my Savior too and by the grace of God we in Jamaica mean to contend for the old-time power which Jesus speaks of. Please pray for me. God bless you in Jesus' name.—Your sister under the blood, Mrs. L. A. Wright.

### God Blessing Earnest Efforts

HAINES CITY, Fla.—Sometime ago the Lord called me to carry the gospel and after a severe struggle I finally overcame myself and the world and asked our state overseer for a place to work.

He sent me to Haines City, Fla., a place where there were only nine members and two of them were backslidden. There was no pastor and the church was in confusion. Very few people would come to church at all. Other denominations had failed to establish a work there and four Church of God preachers before us had failed, but God really placed a burden on me for the place and I started praying, fasting and working.

I know that God does not put a burden on people for nothing and at times I was so discouraged I would slip off and pray. I could still say with Paul, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." I tried to get an evangelist with a tent to start a revival on the other side of town but failed. I tried to rent a tent and also failed. I finally borrowed money and bought a forty-foot tent and put it up across town from where the church is located and started a revival.

Good crowds are coming and the Lord is blessing. One sister was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and another saved and sanctified and more are coming to the altar.

There are many good souls on this side of town who know the Lord, but they do not know or have not seen the light on the Church of God yet. Please pray that God's Church may be established here.—Thomas J. Wells.

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